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AmeriLux News

AmeriLux International is a value-adding distributor of multiwall and corrugated polycarbonate sheet products, PVC sheet and liner panels, and steel coil.

Featured Project:

Minnesota Pergolas | Creating Beautiful Outdoor Living Spaces

Serving the Minneapolis/St. Paul metro area, Minnesota Pergolas has been building beautiful, well-built, custom-designed pergolas for more than eight years. "When we design and build a pergola, we factor in the direction of the sun and the customers purpose for the pergola," explained Minnesota Pergolas owner Gregg Weispfenning. "A pergola can be a simple structure to define a space and hang lights or it can be an outdoor living space with a lot of shade. The more wood we use - the more shade you get. With the proper amount of shade, your deck or patio can feel 20° cooler."



Cover your pergola and now you have an outdoor living space that you can use no matter what the weather is - rain or snow. "You can grill when the weather is not so nice and your grill is protected from the elements," Gregg says. "Covering a pergola protects the cedar. Staining the cedar can be time consuming and expensive. The roof protects and prolongs the stain. It basically pays for itself."

A pergola covered with LEXAN™ VEROLITE™ 8mm twin wall polycarbonate has many benefits. The UV protection on the panel's outer surface provides protection from dangerous UV rays. This shielding property also prevents discoloration, extending the life of outdoor furniture. Virtually unbreakable, a polycarbonate pergola cover provides long-lasting beauty and functionality. LEXAN™ VEROLITE™ panels will retain their high performance characteristics even after prolonged outdoor exposure.

Available in standard colors of clear, opal, and bronze, LEXAN™

VEROLITE™ polycarbonate panels provide various levels of shade while allowing natural sunlight to filter through. "We use the 8mm bronze twin wall. The bronze color really enhances the color of the wood," adds Kregg. "We think they go great together."



Fully licensed and insured, Minnesota Pergolas designs and builds pergolas of all sizes and shapes. Each pergola is designed to meet the individual space requirements. No two pergolas are ever the same. Pergolas are built on-site by master craftsmen. Learn more at www.mnpergolas.com.

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Meet the A-Team:

Julie Daul | Samples Assistant/Cleaning Associate

Looking for a full-time job, Julie Daul joined the AmeriLux A-Team as a Samples Assistant/Cleaning Associate on May 8th. Her positive attitude and great work ethic became evident immediately. Julie spends the first couple of hours of each day cleaning the offices, break room, and restrooms. And, since she gets in early, she usually makes the first pot of coffee in the morning! 👍



After her cleaning duties, Julie spends the rest of her day fulfilling customer's requests for product samples and literature. She also processes the aluminum install components, screws, and miscellaneous hardware portion of each work order.

"I like to keep busy and have a variety of things to do," Julie commented. "Starting this job has been easy because everyone here at AmeriLux is very helpful and friendly."

Fun Fact: Julie works part-time at the Green Bay Packers Pro Shop and enjoys spending time with her Bernese Mountain Dog named Uno.

In the News:

AmeriLux | Building Expansion Update

Construction of the new building is nearly complete and everything's coming together nicely. The concrete crew has poured the loading dock area, created steps, and extended the existing sidewalk. All of the doors, including the overhead doors have been installed. The retention ponds are built, the new parking lot has been paved, and the final grading is finished. Landscaping began on Monday and will continue for several weeks.

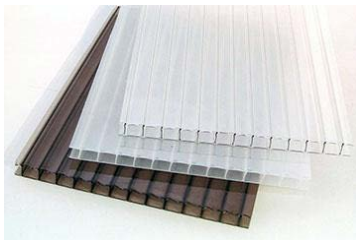
On the interior, all the electrical and plumbing work is done. Three small rooms have taken shape - a fire pump room, a restroom, and an office space. The wireless network and phone system is operational. Installation of the racking system is complete, providing 161 unique storage locations. The new Multidirectional Sideloader has been busy moving material and filling

the racking system with long pallets of polycarbonate panels. Goodbye, storage trailers! AmeriLux has invested heavily in racking and material handling equipment to improve efficiency, quality, safety, and inventory control.



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Featured Product



LEXAN™ VEROLITE™

LEXAN™ VEROLITE™ 8mm twin wall polycarbonate sheet offers a high degree of light transmittance while blocking harmful UV rays. Highly flexible, this lightweight sheet is easily cold-formed and will not crack or splinter when fabricated.

* Virtually Unbreakable

Ask the Tech Expert



Q: Why does AmeriLux ship its polycarbonate sheets in a crate?

A: A crate may be loaded or unloaded several times depending on where it is being shipped.

To ensure sheets do not get damaged during transit, a custom wooden crate is built for each order. The shipping department at AmeriLux carefully builds and inspects

DIY Tip of the Month



"Fastening Polycarbonate Sheets"

It is very important to choose the correct fastener for your specific application.

AmeriLux recommends using a #12 woodmate screw for wood and a #12 self-drilling screw for metal, such as aluminum or steel.

Fasteners should penetrate the roof or wall of your

- * High Light Transmission
- * Easy to Install
- * Economical

An anti-condensate feature on the interior surface of this sheet protects plants, furnishings, and equipment below from water damage. In its structured form, LEXAN™ VEROLITE™ offers excellent thermal insulation properties and is a cost effective alternative to traditional glazings.

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each crate.

A custom crate minimizes shifting and creates a sturdy way to ship long, narrow products like polycarbonate sheets.

A crate can hold up to 2,000 pounds of product. AmeriLux ships crates via common carrier or with its own full-service freight transport company.

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structure by at least one (1) inch. Don't over tighten fasteners. Use at least a 1/2" non-conductive EDPM bonded washer.

DO NOT NAIL SHEETS!

Polycarbonate expands in hot weather and contracts in cold. Always pre-drill a hole slightly larger than the fastener and then screw panels in place. Failure to pre-drill can result in the sheet warping and/or cracking around the fastener.

When it comes to fastening polycarbonate sheets, pre-drilling is a must!